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1. Fürstenwalde (V33)

a. [redacted] the following rail shipments were made
during July 1948 from Fürstenwalde to Stendal:

21 July - Three trains, each of 55-60 freight cars, hauling a total of 80-90
guns: 107 mm with muzzle brake; 76.2 mm, type 41, with full rubber tires;
57 mm AT gun, long barrel, full rubber tires. Another train, loaded with
ammunition cases, was observed on a nearby ramp.

27 July - Four trains were made up. Of these, one hauled twenty-five 122 mm
guns, another hauled forty 85 mm AA guns; contents of the other two trains
were unknown.

b. Gartenstrasse barracks are still occupied by artillery troops with 76.2
mm guns and vehicles [redacted] Former cavalry barracks are
occupied by part of an artillery regiment; among these troops, some wear
armored insignia.

c. Fürstenwalde airfield is used only as an auxiliary field. Approximately
three AA companies occupy the airfield barracks. Troops wear black tabs with
red piping. [redacted]

2. Rathenow (Z15)

a. Arrival of a high Soviet staff at Rathenow's motor barracks in early
August 1948 stirred up rumors that Marshals Sokolovsky and/or Rokossovsky
were in residence. No confirmation could be obtained. It is alleged that,
whoever the chief of this newly arrived staff may be, he formerly maintained
headquarters at Schloss Landin (Z26).

c. Rathenow's infantry and engineer barracks are sparsely occupied. Other
troops are tenting between Rathenow, Seulin (Z16), Schollene (Z06), and
Gsttlin (Z05). Some PO-2 aircraft have been seen in the area.

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